

REMARKS

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-14 are now pending in the present application.

Applicants thank the Examiner for noting that the claims required correction to comply with U.S. practice. Claims 1-14 have been amended accordingly and now all recite methods of treatment.

No new matter has been introduced.

II. RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The October 31, 2008 Office Action called for restriction from among the following:

- I. Claims 1-14, drawn to a method of manufacturing 2,5-dihydroxybenesulfonic acid or any of its pharmaceutically acceptable salts.
- II. Claims 1-14, drawn to a method of treatment comprising 2,5-dihydroxybenesulfonic acid or any of its pharmaceutically acceptable salts.
- III. Claims 1-14, drawn to a process of preparing 2,5-dihydroxybenesulfonic acid or any of its pharmaceutically acceptable salts.
- IV. Claims 1-14, drawn to a composition, comprising 2,5-dihydroxybenesulfonic acid or any of its pharmaceutically acceptable salts.

Applicants elect Group II, claims 1-14, which are directed to methods of treatment comprising 2,5-dihydroxybenzenesulfonic acid or any of its pharmaceutically acceptable salts.

CONCLUSION

Early and favorable consideration of the application on the merits, and early Allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee occasioned by this paper, or credit any overpayment in fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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